

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
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TITLE:

MTPD 2012 Security Report

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

The Metro Transit Police security report ensures crime information is publicly communicated to enhance the security of our customers and the protection of Metro employees. This security report will compare crime data from CY2012 to CY2011.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the MTPD security presentation is to provide WMATA Board Members with information and analysis of annual crime events in the Metro system.

DESCRIPTION:

Crime reduction is a performance measure included in Metro's Strategic Plan. This report provides an accounting of Part I Crime for bus, rail and parking lots in CY2012 and a comparison to crime statistics of CY2011.

Key Highlights:

- The rate of Part I Crime in the Metrorail system for CY2012 is 6.2 crimes per million riders.
- Part I Crime decreased by 3.3% from 2011 to 2012, when suppression team arrests are removed from the crime data. When the 149 suppression team arrest are included in the data, an increase of 4.5% is shown between CY2011 and CY2012.
- Most of the Part I Crime increase is attributable to a 30% increase in snatches of small electronic devices and pickpockets.
- Parking lot crime reached a ten-year low in 2012.
- Bus crime remains low overall, but is increasing due to snatches and assaults.

- As a general comparison, last year in CY2011, crime on the Metro System accounted for about 1.5% of all Part I Crime in the National Capital Region.

Background and History:

In CY2012, Part I Crime in the Metro System was 6.2 crimes per million riders. Although regional crime numbers for 2012 are not yet available, the average Part I Crime rate in CY2011 was 25.022 per 1000 people in the National Capitol Region according to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG).

Part I Crime in the Metro System last year was driven by an increase in snatches of small electronic devices and pickpockets that increased 30%. Additionally, in January and February of 2012, MTPD conducted suppression team activity which accounted for 149 Part I arrests in early 2012. When suppression team arrests are removed from the crime data, Part I Crime decreased by 3.3% from 2011 to 2012.

Parking lot crime was low in 2012. In February of 2012, we recorded the lowest Part I Crime rate, 0.78 crimes per million riders, in the parking lots since our best records prior to 1999. Motor vehicle thefts are at a ten (10) year low. The Metrobus crime rate is low compared to Metrorail Part I Crime, however, even as the crime rate remains at about one (1) crime per million riders, concerns have arisen from bus passengers and operators of an increase in crimes against persons, such as robbery and aggravated assaults. Snatches of electronic devices and pickpockets also increased in 2012.

Discussion:

Metro Part I Crime rate in each of the location modes, bus, rail and parking lots, had no significant increases. The main exception to that assessment is the increase of snatches of electronic devices in both Metrorail and on Metrobus. Theft of cell phones is not a crime that is limited to our Metro system. This crime trend has made both national and international news. The MTPD utilized different strategies to combat the theft of cell phone which averages between one (1) or two (2) thefts a day in the Metro system. We have worked extensively with WMATA Media Relations to get the crime prevention message out to our customers. During the last two years, when manpower allows, we have established Crime Suppression Teams to make arrests utilizing undercover teams. Chief Michael Taborn worked with Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy Lanier to pass legislation to disable stolen cell phones by the cellular service providers. We have partnered with MPDC to identify suspects in areas surrounding our

stations. The MTPD now uses digital videos extensively to help in the identification of suspects in snatches and other crimes in our system. The MTPD has used a variety of strategies to drive down crime overall:

- Using data to identify parking garages/lots crime hot spots and deploy resources accordingly.
- Increasing police presence by partnering with local jurisdictions to patrol Metro lots.
- Utilizing equipment and technology to support crime prevention, such as Gator patrol vehicles, observation towers, variable message signs, public outreach activities, distribution of crime prevention literature, and direct mail to customers.

In 2012, the MTPD began an aggressive recruitment campaign to hire officers to fulfill positions approved by the WMATA Board last July, including 32 officers for Metrobus security and 26 additional officers to meet staffing requirements for the Silver Line. The recruitment efforts resulted in the hiring of 52 sworn police officers. It is expected that these officers will be available for patrol in late 2013 after completion of training. Last year, and continuing into 2013, resources were dedicated to increasing security on Metrobus by implementing the following programs:

- High Intensity Targeted Enforcement (HITEs)
- Surge Deployments
- Mobile Patrol Checks
- More uniformed officer presence on buses

In 2012, we initiated a platform to record complaints of sexual harassment in the Metro system. Ninety-nine complaints were recorded, with 22 complaints resulting in formal police reports for criminal behavior. Fourteen on-view arrests were made by MTPD in 2012 for Simple Assault (sexual) and/or Indecent Exposure, Proposal or Act. One arrest was made in direct connection with a sexual harassment complaint recorded through the email reporting system. –

FUNDING IMPACT:

Define current or potential funding impact, including source of reimbursable funds.	
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TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	Jan – Dec, 2012 – 52 police officers hired to fill vacancies, and fill 32 new positions approved for increased security on Metrobus, 26 for security of the Silver Line, and 10 grant positions for anti-terrorism security inspection teams.
Anticipated actions after presentation	MTPD staffing assessment conducted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Continued partnering with local jurisdictions for crime prevention and uniformed presence Increased community and school outreach Continuous improvement of the MetroStat process to include a gradual migration to more predictive policing strategies

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Security Report

Safety and Security Committee

February 14, 2013

Part I Crime Against Persons

Crimes Against Person	Type	2011	2012	Trend
Robbery	Force & Violence	216	218	↑
	Armed	100	97	↓
	Fear	33	22	↓
Aggravated Assault		108	105	↓
Rape		1	0	↓
Homicide*		*1	*5	↑

**Crimes
against
persons
decreased by
3.4%**

**In October 2011, a homicide occurred on a Metrobus. Per DC law, the crime was reported to the FBI by the DC Police Department. Video provided by Metro clearly identified two individuals as "persons of interest" who were subsequently arrested.*

Part I Crimes Against Property

Crimes Against Property	Type	2011	2012	Trend
Larceny	Snatch	438	491	↑
	Pickpocket	82	180	↑
	From Auto	346	288	↓
	Bicycle	283	330	↑
	From Building	7	8	↑
	Other	141	126	↓
Auto Theft/Attempts		126	118	↓
Burglary		1	0	↓
Arson		0	1	↑

**Subtract 149
crime
suppression
team arrests
to show a
2.2% decrease**

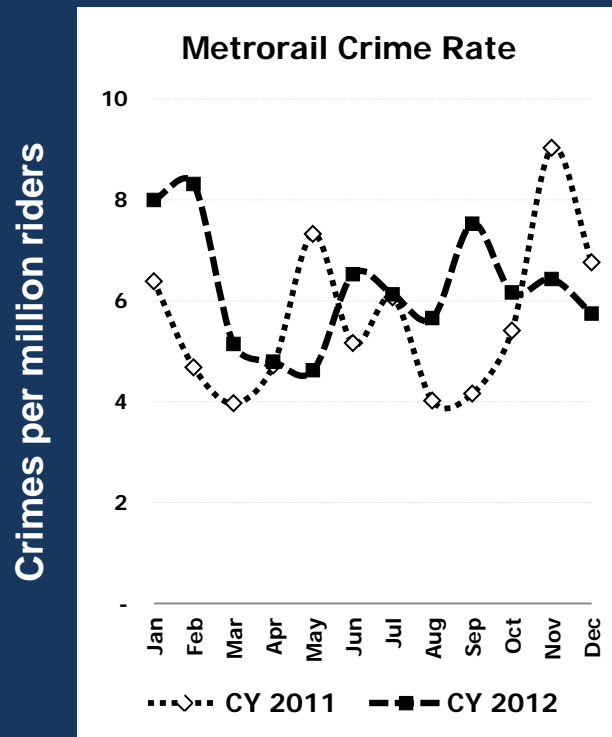
Snatches Drive Increase in Rail Crime

Why?

- Snatches/pickpockets in trains/stations increased 30%
- Robberies and aggravated assaults were down

Actions in 2012:

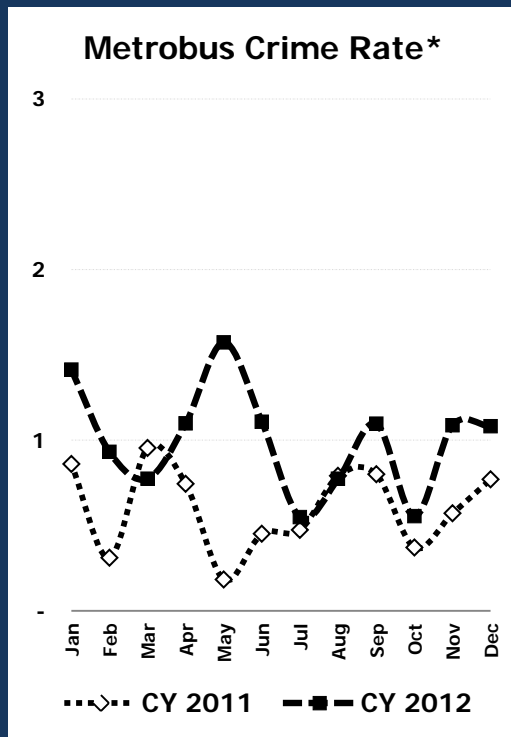
- Crime suppression teams targeted would-be snatch thieves
- Used data to focus on "hot spots"
- Advocacy with FCC so customers can remotely disable stolen phones





Bus Crime Rate About 1 Per Million Riders

Crimes per million riders



Why?

- Snatches/pickpockets onboard buses increased by 24 crimes
- Assaults increased by 11 crimes and robberies by 5 crimes

Actions in 2012:

- 32 additional bus officers hired
- Multiple uniformed officer deployments
- Better communication with BUS OCC and employees

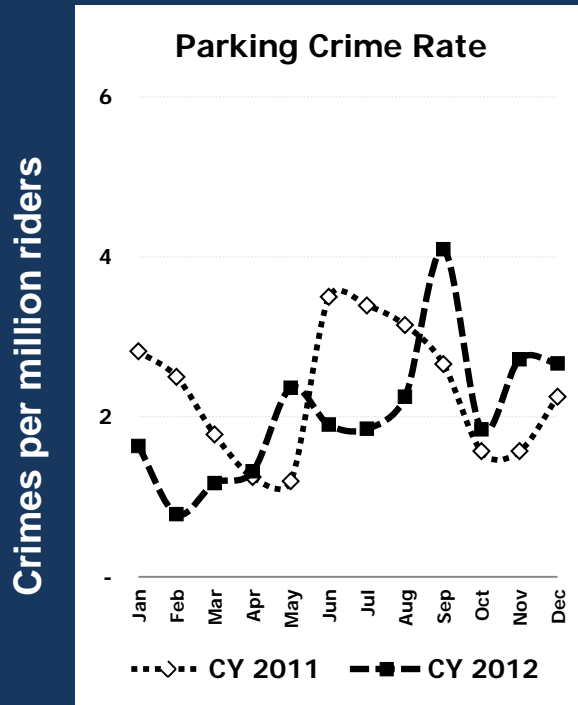
Parking Crime Hit Unprecedented Low

Why?

- Thefts from autos down 16%
- Auto thefts down 17%

Actions in 2012:

- Patrol tactics drive down crime
- Arrests of individuals suspected in multiple crimes
- Proactive crime prevention



Sexual Harassment Reporting

**Sexual Harassment
99 Total Complaints**

Criminal = 52

Criminal
(Non-sexual) = 9

Harassment = 38

Presidential Inauguration Security

150 Police Officers

15 Agencies Represented



Appendix



MTPD Part I Crime Report

5 Year Comparison – Annual

Part I Crime	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Aggravated Assault	92	94	136	108	105
Arson	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary	2	0	5	1	0
Homicide	*1	*1	*1	*1	*5
Larceny	864	811	925	791	752
Motor Vehicle Theft	181	152	129	83	69
Attempt Motor Vehicle Theft	101	79	65	43	49
Rape/Sexual Offenses	0	1	3	1	0
Robbery	581	894	1,007	351	337
Theft Snatch and Pickpocket	/	/	/	520	671
Total	1,821	2,032	2,270	1,898	1,984

* Homicides reported and investigated by other police agencies.



Top Ten Metrorail Stations - System Wide 2012 Part I Crime

Metrorail Station	Total Part I Crime	Part I Arrests
1. Anacostia	119	40
2. College Park	67	5
3. L'Enfant Plaza	59	21
4. Gallery Place	58	14
5. West Hyattsville	53	13
6. New Carrollton	52	6
7. Rhode Island Avenue	52	24
8. Largo Town Center	50	3
9. Minnesota Avenue	48	9
10. Metro Center	48	8



Top Ten Metrorail Stations – District of Columbia 2012 Part I Crime

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1. Anacostia	119	40
2. L'Enfant Plaza	59	21
3. Gallery Place	58	14
4. Rhode Island Avenue	52	24
5. Minnesota Avenue	48	9
6. Metro Center	48	8
7. Deanwood	43	2
8. Benning Road	41	23
9. Congress Heights	38	15
10. Takoma	34	9



Top Ten Metrorail Stations - Maryland

2012 Part I Crime

Metrorail Station	Total Part I Crime	Part I Arrests
1. College Park	67	5
2. West Hyattsville	53	13
3. New Carrollton	52	6
4. Largo Town Center	50	3
5. Capitol Heights	40	4
6. Suitland	36	6
7. Addison Road	35	8
8. Prince George's Plaza	35	2
9. Grosvenor	34	0
10. Southern Avenue	30	3



Top Ten Metrorail Stations - Virginia

2012 Part I Crime

Metrorail Station	Total Part I Crime	Part I Arrests
1. Franconia-Springfield	32	1
2. King Street	24	3
3. Vienna	20	0
4. Braddock Road	15	0
5. Huntington	14	1
6. Ballston	13	2
7. West Falls Church	12	2
8. Pentagon City	11	7
9. East Falls Church	9	1
10. Rosslyn	7	0